

PART 3 - AVIATION COMBAT ELEMENT PROGRAM

The Aviation Combat Element (ACE) provides the MAGTF commander with enormous flexibility, mobility, and firepower. Part of the ACE's mission is to provide day and night, all-weather air support to the MAGTF. It accomplishes this mission through responsive offensive air and assault support. Offensive air support isolates the battlespace and provides timely and accurate close air support to maneuvering forces. Assault support ensures the rapid movement of combat power ashore, and provides a means to quickly maneuver ground forces in the battlespace. The following aviation programs enhance and complement the Marine Corps expeditionary nature and execution of OMFTS.

